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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITIES REPORTS FROM THE PRINCIPALS
FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1976

P - JOSEPH J. SISCO

I MET BRIEFLY WITH A GROUP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM
PM, T, H AND AID WHO HAVE BEEN SPENDING TIME ON THE
HILL TRYING TO WORK OUT A SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL
THAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES. I GAVE THEM SOME
GUIDANCE AND THEY WERE TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS THIS
AFTERNOON. WE ARE MAKING SOME MOVEMENT, BUT CLEARLY
THE MATTER IS NOT YET RESOLVED.

ITALIAN AMBASSADOR GAJA CALLED ON ME TO SOLICIT
SUPPORT FOR THE GOI REQUEST FOR DRAWING \$500 MILLION
FROM THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK UNDER THE EXISTING
\$3 BILLION SWAP FACILITY. I CALLED ARTHUR BURNS
ON THE MATTER; HE STATED HE HAD THE ITALIAN REQUEST
UNDER A(TIVE AND SYMPATHETIC REVIEW.

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ACCOMPANIED BY ROY ATHERTON, BRUCE LAINGEN AND SAM

GOLDBERG, I WENT UP TO THE HILL TO MEET WITH 'DOC' MORGAN AND THE OTHER CONGRESSMEN WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM ON HIS RECENT TRIP THROUGH THE MIDDLE EAST, GREECE AND TURKEY. IN ADDITION TO HEARING THEIR COMMENTS, I USED THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO URGE THEIR ASSISTANCE ON GETTING PASSED A SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL THAT WE CAN LIVE WITH.

I RECEIVED THE AMBASSADOR FROM BANGLADESH THIS AFTERNOON AND REVIEWED WITH HIM THE FOOD AND FAMILY PLANNING SITUATION IN BANGLADESH AS WELL AS THAT NATION'S RELATIONS WITH INDIA AND PAKISTAN.

FROM UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON

I MET WITH CANADIAN MINISTER MCKINNEY TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENTS IN CIEC. AS WE APPROACH THE MEETING OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN ON JANUARY 26, IT WILL BE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE POSITIONS OF THE 8 INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES UNDER CANADIAN CO-CHAIRMANSHIP WELL COORDINATED. MINISTER MCKINNEY AND I AGREED THAT WE SHOULD ORGANIZE FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS ON A REGULAR BASIS AND THAT THESE WILL BE EVEN MORE IMPORTANT AS WE GET INTO SUBSTANTIVE WORK OF THE FOUR COMMISSIONS.

I MET WITH THE AD HOC INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON CIEC, WHICH I CHAIR. I REVIEWED WITH THE COMMITTEE THE OUTCOME OF THE DECEMBER CIEC MINISTERIAL AND OUR PLANS, TACTICS, AND STRATEGY FOR THE FORTHCOMING CO-CHAIRMEN MEETING, JANUARY 26, AND THE MEETINGS OF THE FOUR COMMISSIONS ON FEBRUARY 11.

I MET WITH SETH LIPSKY, WALL STREET JOURNAL HONG KONG REPORTER, TO DISCUSS GENERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ASIAN COUNTRIES, SPECIFICALLY THE IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN AND OUR ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH JAPAN.

RICHARD BLISS, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN EXPRESS, AND HARRY FREEMAN, WASHINGTON
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REPRESENTATIVE, CAME IN TO DISCUSS HOW THEY AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT MIGHT JOINTLY BRING ABOUT SOME IMPROVEMENT IN THE PRESENTLY NEGATIVE CLIMATE FOR U.S. PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN EGYPT. BLISS WILL WRITE ME A LETTER STATING THE BASIC OBSTACLES AS AMERICAN EXPRESS AND ITS CLIENTS SEE THEM, WHICH I MAY USE IN TALKING WITH THE GOE IN CAIRO AT THE END OF FEBRUARY. HE ALSO OUTLINED

A LONG-STANDING AMERICAN EXPRESS PROBLEM WITH CURRENCY CONVERSION IN GREECE. I ADVISED HIM TO HAVE THIS TAKEN UP FIRST THROUGH THE U.S. EMBASSY IN ATHENS.

FROM T - MR. MAW

MET BRIEFLY WITH SFRC SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF TO GO OVER FUNDING LEVELS FOR FY 1976 SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH STAFF RE MODIFICATION OF PROVISIONS OF "HUMPHREY BILL" THAT WE FIND OBJECTIONABLE WILL RESUME TOMORROW.

MET WITH LEARSON AND EAGLEBURGER TO DISCUSS PROCEDURES FOR RAISING FUNDS FOR PROPOSED DINNER IN HONOR OF LOS HEADS OF DELEGATION. WE AGREED THAT IT SHOULD BE DONE BY UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION ON THE PATTERN OF THE UN CONCERT AND DINNER.

MET SEVERAL TIMES WITH D/LOS STAFF TO REVIEW PRESENTATION OF FISHERIES STATISTICS FOR USE IN 200-MILE BILL FIGHT. BOB WHITE OF NOAA HAS INSISTED ON AN ALTERNATIVE PRESENTATION WHICH READS LIKE A BRIEF IN FAVOR OF THE 200-MILE BILL. WE MAY ISSUE OUR OWN PAPER WITHOUT COMMERCE'S IMPRIMATUR.

LEARSON AND I LUNCHEDED WITH JOHN LAYLIN OF COVINGTON & BURLING, WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF OUR LOS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. HE WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST WITH THE LOS NEGOTIATIONS BY ORGANIZING COMMITTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION TO PREPARE REPORTS ETC.

MET WITH SENATOR SPARKMAN TO REVIEW WITH HIM THE
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PRINCIPLES OF PROBLEMS IN THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL AND REPORTED PROGRESS WE ARE MAKING IN THE STAFF DISCUSSIONS. HE SHARES OUR CONCERN WITH THE CHURCH AMENDMENT AND WILL SEE WHAT HE CAN DO TO GET IT OUT OF THE BILL.

DISCUSSIONS WITH MONROE LEIGH REGARDING THE MAINTENANCE OF DEPARTMENTAL RECORDS AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LITIGATION.

DISCUSSIONS WITH IGA AND GENERAL FISH REGARDING COMPLAINT FROM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN CONCERNING THE STATE/DOD AND IGA VISITS AND INVESTIGATIONS. INFORMATION THUS FAR OBTAINED APPEARS FULLY TO JUSTIFY CONTINUATION OF INSPECTIONS. SISCO

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